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**BIENNIAL ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF STATES (RAJYA SABHA) 2020 –
AMENDMENT NOTIFICATION – REPUBLISHED.**

[Memo No.296/Elecs.D/2020-59, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh, dated:05.06.2020]

The following notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001, dated:05th June, 2020 / Jyaishta 15, 1942 (Saka) is republished:

NOTIFICATION

No. 318/CS-MULTI/2020(1): - WHEREAS, on 25.02.2020, Election Commission of India announced elections to the Council of States to fill 55 seats of Members from 17 States, retiring in the month of April,2020, which were notified vide Notification No. 318/CS-Multi/2020(1) dated 06.03.2020. After the last date of withdrawal on 18.03.2020, respective Returning Officers declared 37 seats from 10 States filled in uncontested. Further, as per the reports received from the concerned Returning Officers, the biennial elections for 18 seats from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Rajasthan were to be conducted on 26.03.2020 (Thursday) and the date before which election was to be completed as earlier announced by the Commission was 30.03.2020 (Monday) as per the notification dated 06.03.2020; and

Whereas, Section 153 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 specifies that the Election Commission for reasons which it considers sufficient, may extend the time for the completion of any election by making necessary amendments in the notification issued by it under section 30 or sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act. Accordingly, considering the prevailing unforeseen situation of public health emergency due to COVID-19 and related advisories in the country, the Election Commission, vide its Order, dated 24.03.2020, deferred the poll and extended the period of said election under the provisions of section 153 of the said Act and decided that the announcement of fresh date of poll and counting for the said biennial elections will be made by the ECI after reviewing the prevailing situation. The Order also specified that the list of contesting candidates, already published for the said election by the respective Returning Officers, is to remain valid for the purpose of remaining activities as was prescribed under the said notification (dated 06.03.2020); and

Whereas, vide its Order dated 03.04.2020, after reviewing the then prevailing situation of Public health emergency, the Commission further extended the period of election beyond the prescribed term(s) of above-mentioned seats invoking its powers under Article 324 of the Constitution of India read with section 153 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and decided that the fresh date of poll date and counting shall be intimated in due course after reviewing the then prevailing situation. It was further clarified that the list of contesting candidates, already published for the said elections by the respective Returning Officer, shall remain valid for the purpose of remaining activities, as prescribed under the notification dated 06.03.2020.

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed the matter in detail. Considering all factors, including the guidelines dated 30.05.2020 issued by Union Home Secretary and Chairman, national Executive Committee (NEC) under the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, and taking into account the inputs obtained from the Chief Electoral Officers concerned, the Commission has decided that the date of poll and counting of votes in respect of the biennial elections for 18 seats from the States of Andhra Pradesh (4 seats), Gujarat (4 seats), Jharkhand (2 seats), Madhya Pradesh (3 seats), Manipur (1 seat), Meghalaya (1 seat) and Rajasthan (3 seats) shall be as per the following schedule:

| Events | Date |
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| Date of Poll | 19 th June, 2020 (Friday) |
| Hours of Poll | 09:00 am to 04:00 pm |
| Counting of Votes | 19 th June, 2020 (Friday) at 05:00 pm |
| Date before which election shall be completed | 22 nd June, 2020 (Monday) |

Now, therefore, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers vested under article 324 of the Constitution read with section 153 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission hereby makes further amendment in its notification No. 318/CS-MULTI/2020(1), dated 06th March, 2020 as under:

sub-para (d) & (e) of para (A) of the said notification shall be substituted with

“(d) the 19th June, 2020 (Friday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken; and
(e) the 22nd June, 2020 (Monday), as the date before which the election shall be completed;
and”.

By order,

SUMAN KUMAR DAS,
Secretary to the
Election Commission of India.

K.VIJAYANAND,
Chief Electoral Officer,
Andhra Pradesh.